



Sustainable Arlington an Envision Arlington environment committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Location: Town Hall Annex, 1st Floor Conference Room,
730 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA**

In Attendance:

Brucie Moulton

Amos Meeks

Kelly Lynema

John

Scott Samenfeld

Tom Abrecht

Jill

Sarah Hill

Ezekiel

Roger Rosen

1. Introductions
2. Approve minutes
 - a. Unanimously Approved
3. EcoFest Debrief
 - a. No counter this year, estimate 300-400 people. Good feedback.
4. Report from March 13th AHS Building Project Sustainability Meeting
 - a. Goal to be a net zero building. Solar panels, ground source heat pumps. Passive building optimization. Staged building. Less lawn in front but still some (~80 ft). Looking for support for the project. Large price tag.
5. AHS Building Project Endorsement Discussion
 - a. Unanimously endorsed.
6. Better Building Codes Update
 - a. Approved by select board. Planning department could use some push from the top down.
 - b. Next steps involve getting the legislature to create a net zero building code that communities like Arlington could adopt.
7. Community Outreach Discussion
 - a. True Story Theater collaboration. Waiting to hear back from them about our ideas.

- b. Roving Roundtable in the fall. Peter Frumhoff said he or someone else from UOCS would be willing to come to an event.
- c. Lots of other groups and events active on climate change. How can we build more relationships and number of volunteers? Tom will talk to a few other leaders to gauge interest and put together a planning committee.
- d. One Cello One Planet, by Judith Glixon. Looking to do performances around the area.

8. New business

- a. Perhaps we should try to get the town to up the default renewable rate, following Newton and Brookline, rather than working on increasing the opt up rates. Can start with a petition to the Town Manager.
- b. Extinction Rebellion having an event tomorrow, Thursday 3/28 at 6:30 pm at the Cambridge Community Center on climate science, psychology, and social movements.
- c. Harvard Heat Week by Divest Harvard, flood Harvard event on April 26th.

9. Announcements

- a. March 28th HeatSmart Kickoff, April Meet the installer Event
- b. April 27th Local Environmental Action Conference, we sponsored and have two free tickets
- c. Sustainable Arlington Website Update: Net Zero Tab
- d. Sustainable Belmont Fixit Clinic May 25th

10. Adjourn